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Languages and of Cosmopolitan Culture, Decrease of Religious Interest, Intermarriage, Anti-Semitism, etc. The author emphasizes very strongly the social and cultural assimilation of Judaism by the modern world. After having remained apart from the Gentiles for twenty-five hundred years, the Jewish race now confronts the prospect of being swallowed up in the vortex of capitalistic civilization. Moreover, just as the Jews are in course of emancipation from the legal disabilities of the Middle Ages, and are admitted to political and social equality with the citizens of progressive nations, their distinctive religious faith, which has held them together in the past, is unsettled by modern criticism and rationalism.

The author does not attempt to deal with the religious side of the great assimilative process; but he would cope with the matter from the economic standpoint by the development of Zionism, which, he thinks, will give the Jews a point of national attachment now lacking. But he says truly that Zionism can hope for nothing through the help of poor Jews only. It must have the support of wealthy Jews, or it will fail. Having gone thus far, however, he overlooks the obstacles placed in the way of Zionism by land monopoly, which broke up Judaism in biblical times through class domination, and would do so again if a Jewish province were now established in Palestine. While the book is not worth much from the standpoint of its economic and political program, it is a valuable addition to the descriptive literature of modern Judaism; and it ought to be placed in public and private libraries wherever there is any interest in the subject.

Worship in the Sunday School. By Hugh Hartshorne. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University, 1913. Pp. x+210. \$1.50.

The author is an instructor in religious education in Union Theological Seminary and principal of the Union School of Religion. The central emphasis of this book is, that the service of *worship* has not yet been fully taken up into that movement of criticism and reconstruction which has lately been overhauling Sunday-school curricula in accordance with modern educational ideas and practices. The author undertakes to define the purpose of Sunday-school worship in social terms; and he makes prominent the place of *feeling* in worship. Some of the chapter titles are: "The Social Function of Worship," "The Neglect of Worship in the Sunday School," "The Purpose of Worship in the Sunday School," "The Nature and Place of Feeling in Education," "The Place of Feeling in Worship," "An Experiment in Sunday-School Worship." The book is an able treatment of the subject: and it ought to be in the hands of all mature Sunday-school workers.

Die aethiopische Uebersetzung des Propheten Jeremias. By J. Schäfers. St. Louis: B. Herder, 1912. Pp. viii+206. \$2.70.

This is a valuable study of the Ethiopic rendering of the Book of Jeremiah. The conclusions reached are: (1) the old-Ethiopic (i.e., the earliest known form of the Ethiopic) is a direct translation from the Septuagint as represented in Codex Sinaiticus, and not from an Arabic or Coptic original as was maintained by de Lagarde; (2) this early Ethiopic rendering underwent considerable expansion in content, which was derived from a Syro-Arabic version; (3) a third, or "academic" Ethiopic version was made on the basis of the original one, with corrections based on Greek MSS and on the Hebrew text; (4) the old-Ethiopic shows no trace of the influence of Lucian's recension of the Septuagint; (5) the translator of the Ethiopic was a Syrian dwelling in Egypt; (6) the old Ethiopic was not revised later than the first half of the seventh century A.D.

Textual contributions of this sort are of great value at the present stage of progress. The task now confronting the textual critic is the recovery of the original Septuagint text. The way toward this end is through the grouping of the various MSS and daughter-versions of the LXX according to their families. This is an undertaking calling for much careful and patient labor, and every piece of work like this by Dr. Schäfers helps the cause along perceptibly.

Judges in the "Bible for Home and School" series, prepared almost entirely by Professor E. L. Curtis (deceased) and edited by Dr. A. A. Madsen, well continues the volumes already prepared, and carries out the general aim of the series. The introduction is compact, but deals with all necessary matters. The notes elucidating the text are fairly complete and clear. The non-technical student of this volume will find here a stimulus to more thorough and scientific Bible-study. (Macmillan, 75 cents net.)

We note another number in the series by the editor, Dr. Adam. It is called *The Man among the Myriles*, and is a study of the visions of the prophet Zechariah. This little volume will be, to many, a revelation of the spiritual aspects of one of the least-known parts of the Old Testament, dealing with God's purification of the Hebrew church after the restoration from exile. The book is one of the most scholarly in the series.

Under the title, *The Gates of Dawn* (Revell, \$1.25), Rev. Dr. W. L. Watkinson presents a new collection of daily devotional readings for a year. The author is a prolific writer in this field; and all who are familiar with his work will be glad to have this new product of his pen.